

GOVERNOR'S OFFICE

AUSTIN, TEXAS.

April 2, 1923.

Hon. S. L. Staples,  
Secretary of State,  
Austin, Texas.

Dear Mr. Secretary:

Under the present law, foreign building and loan associations are required to deposit with the Secretary of State, \$100,000 in cash, or bonds, for security of residents of the State having claims against such companies. Senate Bill No. 151 seeks to exempt from furnishing such security, foreign corporations incorporating in Oklahoma, New Mexico, Arkansas, and Louisiana, and doing a loan and building business in border cities in Texas. It is special legislation and contrary to public policy to give to corporations having their habitat in states adjoining Texas privileges not granted to corporations organized and having their principal offices in other States. The passage of this bill would be an entering wedge permitting foreign corporations to come into states adjoining Texas and do business in Texas without complying with the law in regard to securing residents of Texas against claims that they might have against said organizations, while at the same time denying foreign corporations in other states from doing business on the same basis.

Texas is the best place in the world in which to live and the best State in the Union in which to do business, and if these corporations desire to transact business in Texas, they should come within the borders of our State and not ask special privileges merely because

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they opened up their offices just across the border line in the neighboring State. This bill is therefore vetoed and filed, as provided by law, in your office.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to be "D. M. H.", written in a cursive style.

Governor